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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE BY REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
FILING REPORTS AND FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN RESOURCES FOR
POLITICAL PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 68A.402, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
amended to read as follows:

1. FILING METHODS. Each committee shall file with the
board reports disclosing information required under this
section on forms prescribed by rule. Reports shall be filed
on or before the required due dates by using any of the
following methods: mail bearing a United States postal
service postmark, hand-delivery, facsimile transmission,
electronic mail attachment, or electronic filing as prescribed
by rule. Any report that is required to be filed five days
prior to an election must be physically received by the board
to be considered timely filed. For purposes of this section,
"physically received" means the report is either
electronically filed using the board's electronic filing
system or is received by the board prior to 4:30 p.m. on the
report due date.

Sec. 2. Section 68A.503, subsection 2, Code 2007, is
amended to read as follows:

2. a. Except as provided in subsection 3, it is unlawful
for a member of a committee, or its employee or
representative, except a ballot issue committee, or for a
candidate for office or the representative of the candidate,
to solicit, request, or knowingly receive from an insurance
company, savings and loan association, bank, credit union, or
corporation organized pursuant to the laws of this state, the
United States, or any other state, territory, or foreign
country, whether for profit or not, or its officer, agent, or
representative, any money, property, or thing of value
belonging to the insurance company, savings and loan
association, bank, or corporation for campaign expenses, or to
expressly advocate that the vote of an elector be used to
nominate, elect, or defeat a candidate for public office.

b. This section does not restrain or abridge the freedom
of the press or prohibit the consideration and discussion in
the press of candidacies, nominations, public officers, or
public questions.

c. This section does not apply to a nonprofit organization
communicating with its own members. The board shall adopt
rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this paragraph.

d. The board shall adopt rules prohibiting the owner,
publisher, or editor of a sham newspaper from using the sham
newspaper to promote in any way the candidacy of such a person
for any public office. As used in this paragraph, "sham
newspaper" means a newspaper that does not meet the
requirements set forth in section 618.3 and "owner" means a
person having an ownership interest exceeding ten percent of
the equity or profits of the newspaper.

JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
is known as Senate File 42, Eighty-second General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

3 4 Secretary of the Senate
3 5 Approved _____, 2007
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3 9 CHESTER J. CULVER
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